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No. 50.

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By Command,

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THE Underwriter has received Instructions to Sell by Public Auction.

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1.—That the proposal of the Directors to call on the Unpaid Capital of the Company in one Call of \$50 per Share, payable on 1st July next, is approved.

And if such Resolution is passed, for the purpose of passing the following Special Resolution:

2.—That the profits accrued to the Company from the operation of the Reserve Fund in the Company, authorized to be issued by the Special Resolution passed on the 6th, and confirmed on the 23rd day of April, 1889, amounting to the sum of \$1,250,000, and which was then carried, and is now standing to the Credit of the Reserve Fund in pursuance of such Special Resolution, be capitalized and be applied in payment of the Call of \$50 per Share on the United States in the Company, to be made by the Board.

Should the above Special Resolution be passed by the required majority, it will be submitted for confirmation at a subsequent meeting to be called for the purpose in due course.

By Order of the Board,

A. SHELTON HOOPER,

Secretary.

Hongkong, 21st February, 1900. 1579

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By Order of the Board,

F. H. MAY,

Acting Colonial Secretary.

Colonial Secretary Office, Hongkong, 10th February, 1900. 1647

Particulars of the Lettings by Public Auction, Sale to be held TO-MORROW (WEDNESDAY), the 7th day of MARCH, 1900, at 3 P.M., at the Offices of the Public Works Department, by Order of His Excellency the Governor, of One Lot of Crown Land in Victoria, in the Colony of Hongkong, for a term of 75 years, with the option of renewals for other 75 years to be fixed by the Surveyor of Her Majesty the Queen, for one further term of 75 years.

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Hongkong, 5th March, 1900. 1639

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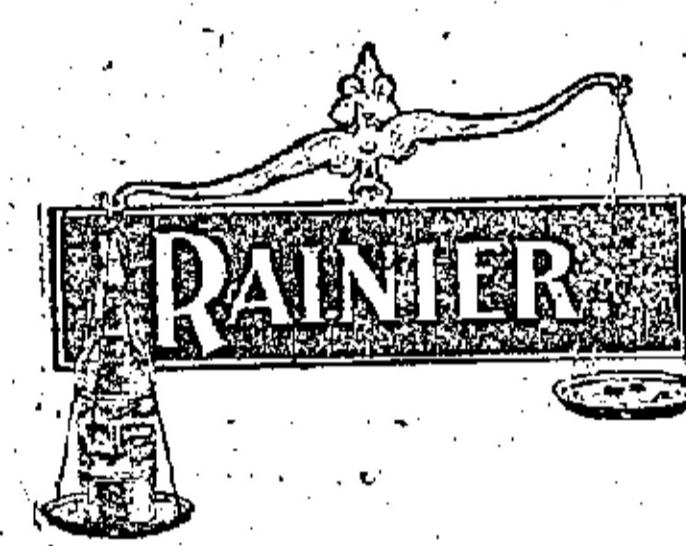
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HUTHS.

On the 3rd instant, at Hukow, the wife of P. E. O'Brien-Butler, of H.M.C. Consular Services, of a daughter.

On the 5th March, at Hartley, the wife of

Laurence Ginn, P.W.S., of a daughter.

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The Daily Press.

HONGKONG, March 6th, 1900.

To a casual observer it might seem strange that the question of the revision of the Tariff in China, which has been a matter for considerable discussion in England, should in China itself scarcely occupy a thought. It might, indeed, seem that our residents in China were so fully occupied in their own petty businesses that they failed to find time for the discussion of a topic so universal as the Tariff. It is now several months since H. E. Li Hung-Chang was appointed by the Empress Dowager, Minister of Finance, with the express object of revising the Tariff, and yet so little notice has been taken of so important a fact that not one meeting has been held nor any suggestion or recommendation made to the British or other Ministers. Surely our critics will say: Such a people are little worth our sympathy or consideration, who permit so vital a subject to pass without a moment's consideration. The simple fact is that the residents in China are by this time well aware of the ordinary strategy of the Chinese not to perceive that the raising of the Tariff question is only an attempt to draw a red herring across the scene, and divert public opinion from the main facts of the case, which are far deeper and more important at the moment than any question of Tariff. On this Tariff question, it may be stated that there is nothing new, and the communities have long ago made up their minds. The present rate of duties was fixed some forty years ago, on a schedule intended to represent as nearly as possible a five per cent. scale. The prices of staples have materially changed since then; and it would be simple work for a committee of experts to reassess the values of commodities forming, then the staples of trade, and to place an assessment on those new productions which have since entered to an important extent into the commerce of the Far East. So far the problem is an easy one and involves no political question whatever. On the next stage there will be differences of opinion, and those not insignificant. The question is, what rate should in fairness be fixed as so to meet the least weight on trade. It is generally conceded that the present rate, without detriment, but

how much? Li Hung-Chang with his favourite device of introducing strife into the most simple discussion said, "We want money; let us simply double the present tariff." Russia, who was the least concerned of the Great Powers, was disposed to consent; but England, the most interested, disengaged. On so simple a ground Li succeeded in producing a breach, which had the effect of introducing Russia into Peking, and rendering China the shuttlecock of European diplomacy. With this question of increasing the Tariff comes in the question of improving its form. Here again the issues are simple, and, if only the various parties be permitted to agree, the result will be still more satisfactory to China than to the Powers. The whole of the present system of coast-trade, duties and transit-taxes, is evidently unsatisfactory to all concerned, and the chief trading nations would willingly add the two and a half per cent duty on all imports, on condition that the present restrictions should be removed. At present, only a fraction of the import trade pays this extra two and a half per cent; so that the proposal would be a direct and substantial gain to the Imperial revenue. The opposition to this simple and profitable proposal comes, not from "without," but from within; and, as usual, is made, by Chinese statesmen of the entire of Li Hung-Chang, an opportunity for creating differences between the Powers. Divide et Impera is an old motto but one which requires higher qualities of statesmanship than are possessed by any Chinese statesman of this generation to put in practice. Divide et Impera represents more closely the form it has taken in actuality. The only hope indeed for China in her present predicament is to bring about such an understanding amongst the Powers as is indicated by Mr. Hay's Memorandum. But an statesman such as Li Hung-Chang, Prince Cheng, Yung Lu, or the utterly unprincipled Yung Kai, capable of perceiving this truth? Surely not; and herein lies the great weakness of Mr. Hay's well-meaning scheme. Russia might be supposed to grasp the plan and work in harmony and conjunction, but as long as men like those we have mentioned remain in charge of the helm, discord will always be found to divide the Powers, and afford the means for separate action without countervailing the promise given. In the interests of China, as well as of foreign commercial states, it has long ago been pointed out how seriously the present regulations as to export duties hamper China's powers of production. How these affect China we may learn from a speech made by the Chinaman at the sixth ordinary meeting of the Shareholders of the Lao-Kung-Mien Cotton Mill at Shanghai. In the course of his speech Mr. F. Anderson said:—"During the year it is calculated that close upon a million and a quarter of tons have been paid in Shanghai, for wages and salaries in the Cotton Mills. Much of this money would have been lost to China, but for the establishment of this industry, and under these circumstances one would expect that the Government would be disposed to do all in its power to foster it; instead of this being the case, mills in China are handicapped in several ways compared with Indian, Japanese or Hongkong mills. For instance, we have to pay duty on Indian and American Cotton, on our stores and coal, on paper, canvas, and hoops to make our bales, and in addition have to pay duty on our yarn at the same rate as imported yarn; our competitors elsewhere are exempt from this double-duty. Again if we tried to compete with spinners elsewhere, where in any market outside of China, we have to pay an export duty from which they are exempt; when we buy cotton from Hangkong, or any other Treaty port in China, we have to pay coast-trade duty, which is in addition to the duty payable on yarn. It is to be hoped that the native authorities will be brought to see that it is contrary to the interests of China to retard the development of such an important addition to the wealth of the country, and that before long they will follow the example of all progressive countries and endeavour to foster native industry."

Although Mr. Anderson's speech referred solely to the cotton-spinning industry, the same hindering restrictions are on every productive industry in China—textile, straw-brain, coal, paper, sugar, &c. &c. Here is a burden which it lies in China's own hands to shake off, and in the removal of which she will have the assistance of all the nations. On the whole, looked at from a practical point of view, an amended Tariff in China is one in which there is virtual accord amongst the nations having trading interests. Any difficulty has been China's own deliberate invention, and the stumbling blocks in the way of a vastly increased revenue are the result of the crooked and dishonest machinations of discredited statesmen like Li Hung-Chang and his associates.

The steamer *Kong Albert*, which passed Gap Rock at 1 p.m. yesterday, only left Singapore at 1 p.m. on the 1st inst., thus making the voyage in the fine days of four days exactly.

A Tonkin paper publishes the announcement of General Galliéni, the French Charbon that such an improvement discovered by General Delcayre, the French army will soon be finished with the best rifle in the world. The difference from the Lebel rifle will be a movable magazine, to facilitate loading, and a superior repeating action.

What does *L'Avant le Tonkin* mean by its statement that "the rugged English" are to be paid? "Wav' Concerts" they intend to patriotic songs or the resounding of the Old Queen, after having come "Under Fire"? Perhaps some arrival from London can explain what song is the latest.

The *Le Meung* had a somewhat masterly touch in his prophecy, getting foiled she was some hours later in getting away from the wharf, arriving at Macao at 8.30 p.m. When at Macao, he had to wait for the tide, and brought back, waiting it in two, and brought back several yards on her propeller to Hongkong. This accounted for the cable interpolation between her and Macao. Captain Chau had been transferred to the *Le Meung*, and a captain was in charge of the *Le Meung*, but, however, was in no wise responsible for the mistake.

The Oxford and Cambridge Boat Race has been fixed for the 31st of this month.

On February 3rd England boat Ireland in the Ruby International match by two goals and two tries to a goal, after losing for four years in succession.

Two antarctic expeditions are being fitted out for this year, one English and one German.

There were 3,300 visitors to the City Hall Museum last week, of whom 183 were Europeans.

A notice will be seen on this page of the places where Subscription Lists to the Indian Patriotic Relief Fund may be found.

The Roburis, of Class of Commerce, Di-

sease of the Colony for the week ending 31st March show one case and one death from plague.

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The religious demonstrations during the last few days at Macao were carried out on a very large scale, thousands of people witnessing and taking part in the processions. Several hundred visitors went from Hongkong to see the processions.

2,459 prisoners in Victoria Gaol last year were reported to be broken of prison discipline, being an average per prisoner of 5.65 as compared with 4.63, with an average per prisoner of 7.50 for the preceding year. The throwing of tobacco over the prison walls caused an enormous amount of trouble for the government.

On the motion of Sir George Collier, the

Chairman of the Committee of the Government, the Board of Directors voted to increase the amount of the license fees to £100,000.

On the 1st instant nearly all the gambling houses were re-opened, displaying large signs with gilt characters on them, while the soldiers of Kwong-Hip in red uniforms guarded the doors. Gambling was in full swing day and night. A license for first-class gambling house is from 6 to 12 beds 3 months; for the medium houses from 20 to 40 beds; and for the lowest establishment about 10 beds.

There are now from 40 to 50 kinds of lottery

here, genuine and otherwise. It is reported that the Wishing lottery-farmers have offered

it is now called, of Sir William Butler's Life of

the unfortunate general who lost his life at Maqua Hill nineteen years ago. This testimony

to the merits of the book is well deserved, one,

for the author has produced a careful and dis-

pasionated record of the events of an interesting

period in his life.

On the 24th, 25th and 26th ult. being the

"Feast of Lettuce," many people made the

pilgrimage to the temple of the white-clad

goddess of mercy at Kau Yee, to make their

wishes and pray the goddess for children, and

feasted largely on lettuce. Hosts of devotees

went there by flower-boats towed by steam-

ers to witness the "chin-shu joss" and assisted at the

theatrical representations, religious processions

and fireworks. They subscribed liberally for

these entertainments.

Five picaroos were arrested in a low house in

Tong-lan while they were having their

rovalry there, through the instrumentality of

a detective. They were brought before the

Magistrate, tried and confessed to the crime of

stealing the steam-launch *Lily* to attack a coast-

boat on the 23rd January last on the Canton

river. They were despatched, and their heads

have been placed in wooden cages and hung on

bamboo poles at Henan for public impo-

nition.

It is stated in a telegram from the Boer

agent, Dr. Leyton, to America, that the Boers

are anxious for peace but will not give up

their independence.

VOLUNTEER GAZETTE SERVICE.

London, 4th March.

THE AUSTRALIANS TO SEND

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CHOME AT SIMONTOWN.

Communications have arrived as follows:

REUTER'S SERVICE.

London, 3rd March.

THE WAR—CAPE COLONY.

General Gataca yesterday made a reconnoitring

in force towards Stormberg and shelled

the enemy's laagers. The Boers replied with

firearms and canister.

They are exempt from this double-duty.

Again if we tried to compete with spinners else-

where, where in any market outside of China,

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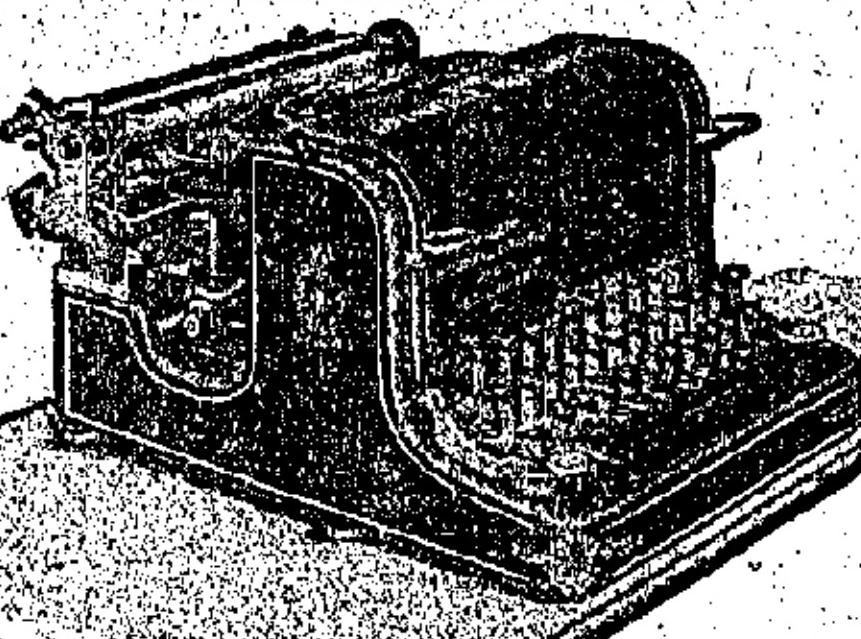
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Calla, at Manila.

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Longnecker, at Manila.

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h.p., Capt. G. F. Wilde, at Manila.

Otravny, Russian armoured cruiser, 12 guns,

2,500 h.p., Com. Copranoff, at Nagasaki.

Pampanga, American gunboat, Lieut. R. H.

Leigh, at Iloilo.

Panay, American gunboat,

do not know they are doing wrong, and the object of giving them notice is to remind them that they have to do certain things to comply with the law. Of course I am quite willing to admit the general principle that ignorance of the law is no excuse, but law-givers in my country do not care to harass the people. Section 2 has been introduced because there was some delay in carrying out certain by-laws made under section 13 of the Public Health Ordinance. Under that section the Sanitary Board have power to make, and, when made, to alter, amend, or repeal by-laws with regard to the proper construction, trapping, ventilating, and maintenance of private house-drains, etc., the provision and proper construction of dust-boxes in private premises, etc. Section 29 of the present Bill said:—"Notwithstanding the provisions of section 13 of the Public Health Ordinance, 1887 (No. 24 of 1887), it shall be lawful for the Sanitary Board, in its discretion, to institute summary proceedings before a Magistrate against any person contravening any by-law duly made under section 13 of each Ordinance, without previously issuing a notice to the offender stating what is required to be done to carry out the provisions of such by-law, and upon conviction for a contravention of any such by-law the Magistrate may impose a penalty not exceeding twenty-five dollars." I took part in the discussion when section 19 was before the Council, and we all unanimously agreed that we could get the Chinese and the general public to comply with the law with a little trouble, without any prosecution. I think we should continue to give the notices, and then if the notices are without effect the maximum punishment should be inflicted. A reasonable notice as regards lime-washing is all that is required. As regards the construction of drains, a longer notice is necessary.

The Hon. E. R. Bellios endorsed the sentiments of the Hon. Dr. Ho Kai.

The Acting COLONIAL SECRETARY — I think the honourable member opposite is under a misapprehension. The whole drift of his remarks would seem to show that he thinks the tenants will have to lime-wash, whereas it is the landlords. He has told us that there is no necessity for giving notice in connection with the by-law made under subsection 13 as to the proper construction, etc., of house drains. These are things, he tells us, that every body ought to know. I ask, is it a great deal to ask of the landlords of the colony to bear in mind the particular months within which they have to have their premises whitewashed?

The Hon. Dr. Ho Kai said that the Acting Colonial Secretary had misquoted him. He said just the opposite.

The Acting COLONIAL SECRETARY — It was a question of tenants there might be something in what the honourable member has said, but where it is a question of landlords I fail to see the force of his remarks, and I would further point out that the law as it stands is utterly absurd. This sub-section 1 of section 13 refers to various matters, including the prevention of the manufacture or sale of unsound, adulterated, or unwholesome food. If the Inspector finds some rotten meat in the market he is to give a man-seven days' notice to destroy it? Then again, it includes the manufacture and sale of poisons and the sale of unsound and adulterated drugs. Then if a man fails to report a case of plague the Sanitary Board cannot successfully prosecute until they have given seven days' notice. The Board have consulted the law officers of the Crown and have been advised that reasonable notice means at least seven days' notice. The honourable member seems to think that 24-hour notice would be sufficient for white-washing, but we have been advised to the contrary, and in all cases we have been obliged to give seven days' notice. The result is that at the beginning of every lime-washing season the Board is careful to send out notices reminding landlords that it is their duty within a given time to have their premises lime-washed. Then the inspectors go round and report that such and such houses have not been lime-washed. Then the Board have to issue other notices, and if these have no effect the prosecution follows. I can assure the Board that as the law stands it is utterly impossible to carry the lime-washing regulations out. The Board do not recommend an alteration of the law without good reason. If they could do without amending the law they would gladly do so; but things have come to a deadlock, and that is the reason why the Board asked the Government to institute this legislation.

On the motion for the second reading, voted put to the vote it was carried, though the Hon. Dr. Ho Kai, the Hon. Wei A Yuk, the Hon. C. P. Chater, and the Hon. E. R. Bellios voted against.

The Bill was then considered at some length in committee. The Attorney-General had recommended that the secretary of the Sanitary Board, or such other officer as the Board may designate, should institute summary proceedings before a Magistrate, but on His Excellency's suggestion, it was decided to add a proviso to the effect that any person so deputed should first obtain the sanction of the Medical Officer of Health or the Secretary before instituting such proceedings. The Bill passed through the committee and the council resolved.

CERTIFICATES FOR CHINSE.
The ATTORNEY-GENERAL proposed and the Acting COLONIAL SECRETARY seconded a motion to the effect that the Bill entitled an Ordinance to authorize the imposition of fees for the issue by the Government of Hongkong of certain certificates to certain Chinese to read a second time.

This was carried, and the Bill was then taken through the committee stage.

THE EXTENSION TO TUNG WA HOSPITAL.

The ATTORNEY-GENERAL, in moving the second reading of the Bill entitled an Ordinance for the establishment of a Hospital for infectious diseases in connection with the Tung Wa Hospital, explained that the Bill provided that the Government should be indemnified from any claim made against them in respect of the bill in question.

The Council adjourned until Thursday.

MEETING OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE.

A meeting of the Finance Committee was held after the Council Meeting, the Acting Colonial Secretary presiding, when the following votes were agreed to —

A sum of \$3,650 being compensation to the Dairy Farm Company, Limited, for the loss of certain cattle at "Sassoon's Villa."

A sum of \$1,000 to meet the expenditure for extending the telephone line in the New Territory.

The CHAIRMAN explained as to the first vote that some cattle were accidentally burned to death while the shed was being disinfected by an officer of the Sanitary Board, and as to the second that the line was to run to Starine Inlet. This was all the business.

LATEST STEAMER MOVEMENTS.

The Glen Line steamer *Glenartney*, from Middlesbrough, London and the Straits, left Singapore on the 4th inst., and is expected to arrive here on the 10th Inst.

The P. & O. steamer *Tung Wa* left Singapore for this port on the 3rd inst. at 4 p.m.

The O. S. S. steamer *Hector* left Singapore on 3rd inst., and is due in Hongkong on 8th inst.

The German Mail-steamer *Kong Albert* will leave for Shanghai to-day at noon for Nagasaki Kobe and Yokohama.

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